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# News Release

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## **Free Income Tax Return Preparation at VITA Events in Fresno County**

**Sacramento** – Individuals and families who need help with income tax return preparation are invited to attend a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) event at the United Way of Fresno County headquarters. The event is sponsored by the United Way of Fresno County and Board of Equalization Member George Runner.

“This program provides free tax preparation to individuals and families who may not be able to afford a tax preparer. Connecting qualified earners with the Earned Income Tax Credit provides them with valuable support during difficult economic times and boosts our state and local economy,” said Runner.

The federal government is offering up to \$5,891 in Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC) to households earning less than \$50,270 annually. Free VITA events throughout California help qualified taxpayers receive much needed federal and state tax credits. Every year, VITA volunteers who have been trained and certified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), offer free tax filing assistance.

Qualifying individuals and families can obtain free tax preparation assistance at select schools, community centers, and nonprofit organizations throughout California.

**Event:** Free Income Tax Return Preparation

**Date:** Monday, April 15, 2013

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Place:** United Way of Fresno County  
4949 East Kings Canyon Road  
Fresno, CA 93727

**Register:** Call 2-1-1 for more information

**Information:** [www.boe.ca.gov/members/runner/vita.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/members/runner/vita.htm)

To find other VITA locations, visit the IRS' website at [http://bit.ly/2013\\_VITA](http://bit.ly/2013_VITA) or call 1-800-906-9887.

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[English 30-second video PSA](#)

[Spanish 30-second audio PSA](#)

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Elected in November 2010, George Runner represents the State Board of Equalization's Second District. He is a leading advocate for California taxpayers. Runner has worked to improve California's tax policies and practices and to create and retain more private sector jobs in our state. Prior to his election to the Board, Runner served twelve years in the State Legislature, authoring the well-known California Amber Alert and California's Blue Alert. As a thoughtful conservative, his legislative priorities included improving the economy, business growth, education excellence, and public safety for all Californians. As a member of the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee, Runner consistently led the fight against tax increases and supported tax relief for families and businesses.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$53.7 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit [www.taxes.ca.gov](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

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